

D COMPANY 2-10 INFANTRY

Training Newsletter

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Advanced Rifle Marksmanship

The Soldiers were introduced to Advanced Rifle Marksmanship (ARM) concepts this week. They began by conducting a test run of the pilot combat qualification tables. This also gave them another opportunity to get some “trigger time” with all of their combat gear.



The Soldiers were introduced to the M68 Close Quarters Optics. When attached to the M16, this device gives the Soldier an easier way to sight in their targets quickly. Soldiers were taught how to mount the M68 onto their assigned M16 and how to zero it to the weapon.



After training in the EST, the Soldiers were brought out to the range to put their training to work in a live-fire scenario. Soldiers were brought back to a zero range and were given the opportunity to zero their CCO more accurately to their weapon.



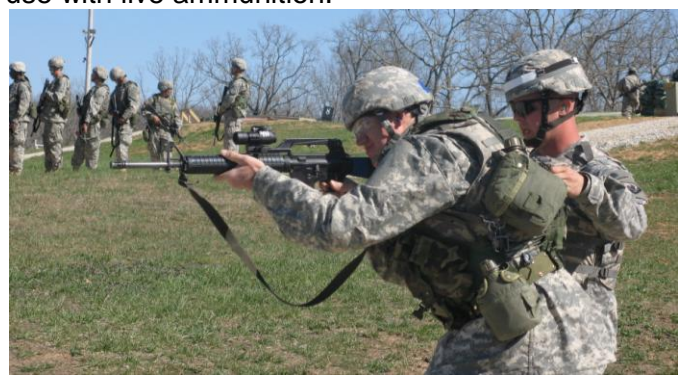
Once zeroed, the Soldiers were brought to another part of the range, where they were taught how to utilize the CCO to engage targets down range using various barriers and positions. Probably most difficult for most was the requirement for them to learn how to fire with their non-dominant hand and eye. We introduce them to the concept here because it becomes necessary when you can't always seek cover which allows you to fire with your dominant side.



Once they completed the barrier training, the Soldiers were given instruction on how to properly and quickly respond when moving and engaging targets to their front.



These “ready-up” drills help them quickly move forward, identify and engage an enemy target when necessary. Our Soldiers were given an opportunity to practice without live ammunition and then brought out to the range to see if they could put it to use with live ammunition.



Field Training Exercise 2



The company executed Field Training Exercise (FTX) 2 from 9-11 April. We moved to the field by way of a 12 kilometer tactical road march.



This exercise introduced the Soldiers to the concept of operating out of a Forward Operating Base (FOB) which is more secure, surrounded by barriers and with entry control points to control movement in and out. The Soldiers also put their shelter-halves to the side and slept in larger group tents.



This field exercise focused on FOB security, patrols and how to operate an Entry Control Point as well as gave additional time for the Drill Sergeants to review the M68 as well as introduce the Night Vision Goggles and PEQ2 laser aiming sight.



The first night met us with treacherous weather, but the company weathered the storm and continued with training. When asked, some Soldiers said that it was the scariest thing they have ever been through while others said it was the most exhilarating.



Soldiers were also introduced to tactical concepts such as room clearing in preparation for Urban Operations training and Convoy Operations and reaction drills for Convoy Live Fire Training.



When all was said and done there was a lot of training accomplished during this FTX in preparation for a lot of the upcoming training.